

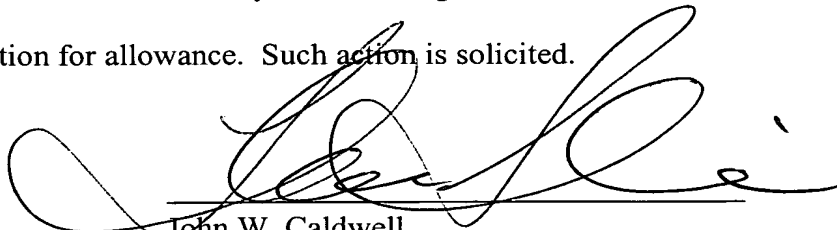
REMARKS

This Amendment accompanies an RCE application. Claims 34 through 58 and 60 through 80 were pending. At this time, claims 76 through 80 are being canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation application.

Examiner Jagoe is thanked for her courtesy during the course of a personal interview on November 2, 2005. The interview summary prepared at that time is acknowledged. The Declaration of Dr. Richard Belz accompanies this filing. The Belz declaration explains how the calculation of pH from pKa and acid concentration data may be performed. The present amendment cancels the terms "about" from the claims with the understanding that persons of skill in the art will know that recitations of pH and compositional limitations are understood not to require slavish numerical adherence so long as the spirit of the invention is maintained. Thus, the policy of the Patent Office to require deletion of the term "about" is being followed.

It is believed that the current amendments accurately reflect the agreement reached in the interview and that this case is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited.

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